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HOUSE MEMORIAL 7

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 3, 2009 AS "NORTHERN NEW MEXICO 'REDI FOR ACTION' DAY" IN THE NEW MEXICO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, in 2008, Los Alamos county initiated and funded an important project known as the "regional economic development initiative", which has become known as "REDI"; and

WHEREAS, REDI is a collaborative effort among northern New Mexico neighbors, including the town of Taos, Taos county, Rio Arriba county, the city of Espanola, the city of Santa Fe and Santa Fe county; and

WHEREAS, the charter of this unique team of regional partners has been to develop an economic development plan that will capitalize on the strengths, resources and talents of northern New Mexicans to benefit all people in the region by creating new jobs, new revenue sources and new opportunities

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1 for growth; and

2 WHEREAS, the team's creation of the REDI plan was  
3 facilitated by two New Mexico firms, the regional development  
4 corporation and the north central New Mexico economic  
5 development district, with dozens of stakeholder meetings over  
6 a period of several months; and

7 WHEREAS, this effort resulted in a clear focus on and  
8 selection of regional priorities for implementation over five-,  
9 ten- and twenty-five-year periods; and

10 WHEREAS, four target industry clusters have been  
11 identified that will set the pace for the REDI plan to become a  
12 reality; and

13 WHEREAS, these four clusters, which include renewable  
14 energy and green energy, technology, value-added agriculture  
15 and entertainment, align closely with similar goals that the  
16 state of New Mexico promotes for healthy economic development;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, beyond the development of a regional economic  
19 strategy and plan, the true benefit of the regional team  
20 meetings was the atmosphere of cooperation and communication  
21 that developed among these important northern New Mexico  
22 communities as they worked side by side to develop a shared  
23 vision and the resulting joint plan for their future;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 3,

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1 2009 be declared "Northern New Mexico 'REDI for Action' Day" at  
2 the house of representatives; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico house of  
4 representatives applaud the efforts of the regional partners  
5 and urge all New Mexicans to congratulate the regional  
6 development corporation, the north central New Mexico economic  
7 development district and REDI on the successful completion of  
8 their plan, to join them in celebrating their newfound working  
9 relationships and to encourage the partners to take the next  
10 steps to implement and fund the projects and initiatives of the  
11 REDI plan.